



Principal's Newsletter

- June 2019-

This last installment of my Principal's Newsletter for the year is packed with celebratory events, recognitions, and important reminders for the end of year. With only about 10 school days before final exams and Regents, it is very important that students take steps now to begin reviewing previous material and studying for those exams. Teachers are available for after school extra help and also have office hours during the school day; please have your child talk with their teachers about review sessions.

The final exam calendar is attached to this newsletter. Please review the particular exam dates and times. As we have done in the past, we will have a late morning bus run with limited pick-up locations (also attached). For students with an afternoon exam, please note that lunch service during the final exam timeframe, June 18-June 25, will be limited to grab-and-go items, snacks and drinks.

Important Senior Reminders:

- Our Guidance Department will be hosting a **Breakfast Celebration** of our Seniors' College Commitments on Friday, June 7th starting at 9:00 am. Please wear your college gear for a large group picture. **Yearbooks** will be distributed to seniors only who purchased a yearbook at this breakfast celebration. (Note, yearbooks purchased by underclassmen will be available for pick up during lunch periods – more information to follow on Westlake Day).
- Senior trip to **Great Adventure** is Thursday, June 6. If you are attending, please arrive at school no later than 7:45 am. Buses will leave promptly at 8:00 am.
- Senior Experience, **Senior Internship Presentations** are on Wednesday, June 5 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend and listen in on their child's presentation.
- Senior **Prom** is Thursday, June 13th at the Surf Club on the Sound. Pre-Prom gathering at the WHS Campus begins at 5:00 pm. Buses leave promptly at 6:00 pm (more information has been sent separately).

Attention All Juniors:

This Friday we will be hosting a Student-to-Student Assembly on the College Process. Juniors are welcome to attend this Question and Answer session where they can interact with our graduating seniors and get an inside look at the college process. Additionally, juniors will be able to sign up for a mentoring partnership with seniors from the Class of 2019. This will allow current juniors to link up with our soon to be graduates as they move through the admissions process next fall. More information will be shared at the Assembly on Friday. The assembly will be in the Auditorium from 10-11:00 am.

Congratulations

In the past couple of weeks, we have seen some of our Westlake students recognized for amazing accomplishments. Please join me in congratulating the following students:

- A group of our Media/Broadcasting students, Justin Avella, Miguel Catarino, Dean Kapica, Sean Martin and Thomas Rubino took second place in a countywide contest for producing their informative video for the Sustainable Westchester Electric Vehicle Contest. Thank you to Ms. Abate, their Broadcast teacher, for her support in the process.
- Our spring musical, under the direction of Ms. Melito, received several nominations for the Metro Awards. Congratulations to Lauren DeMartino, Best Actress, Samantha Lubart, Outstanding Ensemble Member and Ryan Liebowitz, Best Supporting Actor. Our stage crew also received nominations for Best Crew and we were nominated for Best Lobby Design, thanks to the help of Ms. Morris and our Photography and Studio Art students. Even more incredible, Lauren DeMartino was nominated for Best Actress for her portrayal of Wednesday Addams, in the upcoming 2018-19 Roger Rees Regional Awards where only 25 females in the entire area are nominated!
- Westlake High School hosted the Annual Science Fair this past weekend and I am thrilled to announce that 4 sophomores placed out of a competitive group of 260 first year science researchers from around the county
 - Congratulations to Phoebe Barnes, who placed 3rd in Medicine & Health; Olivia Cartano, who placed 1st in Medicine & Health; Aimee Holland, who placed 2nd in Earth & Planetary Science/Physics and Pranav Vadapalli, who placed 2nd in Engineering. This is an impressive first step for our young researchers. Thank you to Mr. McIntyre for his guidance and help in making this year's Annual Science Fair such a success.
- In the world of athletics, we have had an impressive spring season. Congratulations to Julian Thur, Varsity Golfer, who qualified for 2nd round of sectional play securing a top 20 spot in our section. Varsity Baseball has been on an incredible run, winning the section after an outstanding game; this is the first Section Championship in 18 years. They are now in the chase for a regional championship and play in the semifinals this Thursday. Congratulations to Thomas Carpenter

reaching a career 100 hits in this past Saturday's game. We recently learned that Varsity Baseball, Softball, Girls and Boys Track and Girls Lacrosse, all were named Scholar Athlete Teams for Spring 2019. Congratulations to all our spring teams as each one advanced to sectional play and finished with very successful seasons.

Other News

Locker Clean-out will begin Monday, June 10th. While students can keep their textbooks for final exam review, all lockers need to be emptied by Monday, June 17th. Students should return textbooks to their classroom teacher no later than the day of the final exam in that course.

We will once again hold our PTA sponsored **Westlake Day** on June 17th. This is a great way for us to end the year. Students will have an opportunity to see all their teachers and classes, then have a shared lunch provided by the PTA and pick up their yearbooks.

- The PTA is looking for some donations to help make this day successful. Please copy the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4DA5AB2CA4F85-westlake2> and sign-up or if you would like to donate money, send your donation in an envelope to WHS Main Office labeled - Attention: PTA-Westlake Day.

As we wrap-up the school year I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the high school and look forward to another successful close of the school year.

JUNE EVENTS	
Thursday, June 6	Senior Trip to Great Adventure
Friday, June 7	Senior Breakfast Celebration 9:00 am AND Junior College Process Assembly 10:00 am
June 10 - 17	Locker Clean-Out – all lockers must be emptied by June 17
Monday, June 10	Varsity Sports Awards (7:00 pm – Auditorium)
Thursday, June 13	Senior Prom (Pre-Prom 5:00 pm at WHS)
Monday, June 17	Westlake Day (last full day of school) – Special Schedule
June 18 - 25	Final Exams/Regents (see attached and website for details)
Monday, June 24	Mandatory Senior Class Graduation Rehearsal (11:00 am – Students only)
Wednesday, June 26	WHS Class of 2019 Graduation 4:00 pm

I look forward to seeing you at graduation.

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Attachments: WHS Testing Schedule and Bus Information